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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the heading ' number of consumers ' is a mistake for the number of units that has been consumed?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" It is consumers; I do not think it is a mistake."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Tiruchengodu, Salem district.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Tiruchengodu in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf, and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the work is likely to be undertaken;

(*d*) what the estimated cost is; and

(*e*) when the actual supply of current will be made to that town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" The answer was sent on 10th August 1935. May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Member can furnish further information on the matter if any since received?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" The hon. Member can ask for it."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the licensees in that area have told the local panchayat that it is not likely that they would undertake the scheme because it will not adequately pay them?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" We have no information."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Sankari, Salem district.

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Sankari in Salem district is;